

AMENDMENTSIn the claims

Please amend Claims 1, 19 and 30 as follows:

Please cancel Claims 10, 20 and 21, without prejudice.

1. (Once Amended) A composition for controlling plant and flower moisture transpiration, said composition comprising:

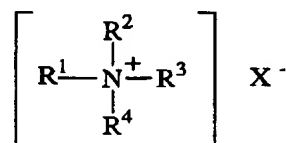
- a) from about 0.5% by weight, of a source of energy;
- b) from about 0.05 % by weight, of one or more antimicrobials;
- c) from about 0.98% by weight, of a buffer and
- d) the balance carriers and adjunct ingredients

wherein said antimicrobial is selected from the group consisting of 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one, 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one, and mixtures thereof.

~~10. A composition according to Claim 1 wherein said antimicrobial is selected from the group consisting of 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one, 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one, and mixtures thereof.~~

19. (Once Amended) An aqueous composition for controlling plant and flower moisture transpiration, said composition comprising:

- a) from about 0.1% by weight, of a source of energy;
- b) from about 1 ppm by weight, of an antimicrobial system, said system comprising:
 - i) from 1% to 99% by weight, of said system, of one or more isothiazolone antimicrobials;
 - ii) from 1% to 99% by weight, of said system, of one or more antimicrobials having the formula:



wherein R^1 and R^2 are each independently C_8 - C_{20} linear or branched alkyl, benzyl, and mixtures thereof; R^3 and R^4 are each independently C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and mixtures thereof; X is an anion of sufficient charge to provide electronic neutrality;

- c) from about 10 ppm by weight, of a buffer; and
- d) the balance carriers and adjunct ingredients;

wherein, in at least one antimicrobial, R^1 and R^2 are each C_{12} alkyl; or one of R^1 and R^2 is a mixture of n-alkyl units; or one of R^1 or R^2 is benzyl.

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~~20. A composition according to Claim 19 wherein at least one antimicrobial comprises R¹ and R² are each C₁₂ alkyl; R³ and R⁴ are each methyl; X is chlorine.~~

~~21. A composition according to Claim 19 wherein at least one antimicrobial comprises R¹ is a mixture of C₁₂-C₁₆ alkyl; R² is benzyl; R³ and R⁴ are each methyl; X is chlorine.~~

31. (Once Amended) A non-liquid composition for controlling plant and flower moisture transpiration, said composition comprising:

- a) from about 75% by weight, of a source of energy;
- b) from about 0.05% by weight, of one or more antimicrobials;
- c) from about 0.01% by weight, of a buffer; and
- d) one or more adjunct ingredients.

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